

# PARADE TO FEATURE OPENING DAY PROGRAM TOMORROW

## New Automobiles in Parade; Albert Hunt Hurls First Ball

Western League Lid Is Pried Off at 3:30 o'clock

KIWANIAN IN CHARGE  
Parade Starts at 1:30 o'clock—No Ceremonies Other Than Throwing Ball



## GIANTS, INDIANS VEICKO'S CHOICE

International News Service Writer Picks Flag Winners

By JAMES VEICKO, International News Service Writer April 11.—Where will the big league pennants fly in 1921?

Concerning the task of picking them has always been, it was never more difficult than now. Competition promises to be so keen between two American and two national leagues that a power struggle in either league is a certainty.

The thing seems certain—New York will be one of the contestants. "Gotham" may even succeed in cornering the world's series for the first time in history.

### Veicko's Selections:

He has as it may, here's our guess for 1921:

**National League.** American League, New York; Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Washington, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Philadelphia, Boston.

The Giants look more like pennant winners today than at any time during the past four years. McGraw has rebuilt his wobbly infield and put young blood into the lineup and not a team in the league is plugging up the holes through which the Giants lost the 1920 pennant.

### Great Defensive Strength:

With Kelly, French, Bancroft and Rapp on the infield, and Burns, Young, Walker and Brown to take care of the outfield, the Giants now have great defensive strength. McGraw has a strong staff of seasoned pitchers in Neely, Tony, Hayes, Morris, Douglass, Salles and several youngsters. His catching staff is second to none in the National league.

The Brooklyn Dodgers aside from the addition of Dutch Reutter and the loss of Marquard, is the same team that won the flag last season.

The same team—yes—but lacking the fine physical condition that gave them an early jump on the race spring start. Brooklyn is well balanced and has one of the strongest pitching staffs in the league. But the Dodgers have nothing of the punch that the reconstituted Giants possess. Nevertheless, they figure to give New York all the competition McGraw's boys will care about and should finish no worse than second unless they go to pieces.

Last season the Pittsburgh Pirates finished fourth. This year with Babbit, Maranville to make their infield, and a finely balanced team, with good pitching and lots of spirit, they should give the Giants and Dodgers a hot argument. They may beat Brooklyn out at that.

### Holds Not Formidable:

The dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Reds has done Pat Moran's team a lot of harm. And even with Roush, Groh and Kopf back in the lineup before so very long, Moran has his work cut out to finish the first division this year.

The St. Louis Cardinals as they stand to day, look ready to graduate to first division company and should be no worse than fourth, with Chicago, and Cincinnati fighting for fifth place.

And the minors? Of the usual amount of good timber ready for grafting from the minors the club gobbled up just one first class man—Peters, a catcher.

### Paulette Lost to Club:

And one of the real stars of last year's team is lost to the club because of his failure to explain to Judge Landis his business transactions with a couple of gentlemen interested in the betting end of baseball.

The team probably will line up about as it finished last season, with the exception of Neale in the outfield. That man is Gene Paulette, star first baseman.

Washington and Detroit seem destined to fight it out for the other first division berth unless Kid Cleaman can prove himself a miracle man with the White Sox.

In the Yanks have everything but size.

Arranged against the powerful Yanks are Tris Speaker's flashy Cleveland world champions. They will enter the race with the spirit of victory and the confidence that comes with victory. They will have Speaker, one of the greatest players in the outfield. Speaker's ability to handle men and his brilliant playmaking are the things that the Yanks this year as the writer sees it.

**Browns Have Punch:**

The St. Louis Browns will be tough for all comers. They have a real punch, but they haven't the pitching to combat successfully with Cleveland and New York.

The Fohimians should finish a strong third, however.

From a boxoffice standpoint the bout should draw well. There is much curiosity over Morris—those who never saw him will go to see him again. Those who did see him will be interested in seeing if there is any improvement. And then, more important, will be the many who will attend the show to give Carl the "raze." For we doubt if there was ever a more unpopular scrapper crawled through the ropes and unpopularity in his own community, than the original "white hope" from Memphis.

### Two-Cornered Fight Here:

It seems a certainty that New York and Cleveland are destined to fight to a bitter finish for the American league flag this year.

Milwaukee has the strongest

team of players in the country.

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Johnny's swatting has been the best of the club in exhibition games.

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